

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19  
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mary Elois Stephens Jackson.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly should recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elois Stephens Jackson will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 5, 2005, an occasion that will be marked by great joy in remembering the past, thankfulness for the present, and eager anticipation of the future; and

WHEREAS, born in Belmont, Tennessee in 1905, Mrs. Jackson is the daughter of the late Arthur and Hattie Stephens; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Chattanooga at the age of 12, Mary Jackson attended Old City High School; at the age of 15 she began working at Signal Knitting Mill; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Mrs. Jackson was a valued employee of Loveman's Department Store in Chattanooga for 30 years, retiring at the age of 81 after a long and productive career; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elois Stephens married Luther H. Jackson on May 3, 1924, an occasion that marked the beginning of a long, fruitful, and devoted relationship; Luther and Mary Jackson enjoyed 48 years of wedded bliss before his passing in 1971; and

WHEREAS, this holy union was blessed with six children, the late Doris Roberta Jackson and the late James L. Jackson, Don R. Jackson, Genevieve Jackson Chastain, Marilyn Jackson Harrison, and Gilbert L. Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson evinces her devout religious faith as an active member of the Falling Water Baptist Church where she taught the "Gleaners" Sunday school class for many years, leaving an indelible imprint upon the children who came under her tutelage; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson remains an active participant in the Falling Water community, serving as an honored member of several respected organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution and the World War I Veterans' Widows organization; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mary Elois Stephens Jackson on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and offer our most sincere wishes for her ever future happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.